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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Kamisha Danyette Hodge-Walker of Decatur, who passed away on June 12, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Kamisha Hodge-Walker was born April 29, 1976, in Decatur to Diane Belue and Thomas E. Walker; she graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1994, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, as well as the cheerleading squad, the volleyball team, and the student council, and she was crowned homecoming queen; she attended St. Louis University, graduating with honors in English and business administration; she was working towards a Master's degree from Webster University; she married Harlan Hodge on May 24, 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Kamisha Hodge-Walker taught English at Brittany Woods Middle School in St. Louis, Missouri, for 2 years before moving back to Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Kamisha Hodge-Walker's faith was very important to her; she was reared in the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth, Temple #1, where she was active in the youth department and Bible drill team; while living in St. Louis she attended Shalom City of Peace; upon returning to Decatur, she was a member of the Main Street Church of the

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1 Living God; she participated in the women's mission and the  
2 noon day prayer, and served as a mentor with Youth With A  
3 Positive Direction; she was the visionary and founder of  
4 Decatur's Sunday Best and Family Feud; and

5 WHEREAS, Kamisha Hodge-Walker was preceded in death by her  
6 biological mother, Diane Belue Cook; her paternal grandfather,  
7 Roger Walker Sr.; her maternal grandmother, Jackie Miller; and  
8 her maternal grandfather, aunt, and uncle, L.C. and Leta  
9 Collins; and

10 WHEREAS, Kamisha Hodge-Walker is survived by her parents,  
11 Dr. Thomas E. Walker and Margaret A. Walker; her son, Brylan  
12 Hodge; her brothers, Pierre Perkins, Anthony Corey (Sylvia)  
13 Walker, and Shalen Walker; her sisters, Jalyynn Walker and  
14 Shannon (Marlon) Joyner; her grandmother, Ida Lake-Walker; her  
15 uncles, Arthur Lee (Terri) Walker, Timothy Lake, Rev. Barnett  
16 (Laticia Faye) Belue, Cornell (Carmen) Belue, and Jerry Wayne  
17 Belue; her aunts, Hilda Walker and Shawn (Michael) Page; her  
18 great-aunts, Doris Lawrence, Mary Ann Boyd, and Jean (A.D.)  
19 Brooks; her great-uncle, Horace (Dimple) Walker; her special  
20 cousin, Tina (Sylvania) McDaniel; and a host of aunts, uncles,  
21 nephews, nieces, and other relatives; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Kamisha Danyette Hodge-Walker, and extend our sincere  
2 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
3 her; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Kamisha Hodge-Walker as an  
6 expression of our deepest sympathy.